

CINCINNATI POLICE DEPARTMENT



STAFF NOTES

Colonel Thomas H. Streicher, Jr., Police Chief
March 25, 2003

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1. POLICE MEMORIAL WEEK OPEN HOUSE

Police Memorial Week is May 11-17, 2003. The schedule for each district's open house is as follows:

District 1	Monday May 12	9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
District 2	Tuesday May 13	9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
District 3	Wednesday May 14	9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
District 4	Thursday May 15	9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
District 5	Friday May 16	9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

2. ITMS HELP AREA

Information Technology Management Section has added a "Help" area to the Intranet. The area contains answers to the most common questions posed to ITMS personnel. Additional items will be added to the area as needed. This "Help" area can be accessed by opening the Intranet and clicking on ITMS HELP.

3. 2003 UNCF CAMPAIGN DRIVE

Captain Michael Cureton, District Two Commander, has been designated as the coordinator for the Cincinnati Police Department's 2003 United Negro College Fund (UNCF) Campaign Drive. The Cincinnati Police Department has consistently supported the UNCF Campaign Drive. Representatives from each district/section/unit will be collecting monetary donations. Contributions may be made by payroll deduction, check, or cash. All donations are greatly appreciated and are tax-deductible.

The UNCF supports 39 historically black colleges and universities. These universities depend heavily on the support of the UNCF because the tuition at these schools is only one-half the national average and their endowments equal only one-third of other private four-year colleges.

Please help the Department reach its goal of 40% participation by the close of the drive in late March.

4. 2003 CAMP JOY POLICE YOUTH LIVE-IN

The 2003 Police Youth Live-In, sponsored by the National Conference for Community and Justice (NCCJ) and the Cincinnati Police Department, will be held at Camp Joy in Clarksville, Ohio the week of July 28 - August 1, 2003. This year marks the 34th year the Police Department has partnered with NCCJ to sponsor this event.

The Department is seeking 20 sworn members, consisting of 9 male officers, 9 female officers, 1 male supervisor, and 1 female supervisor, to participate. Approved volunteers will be detailed on-duty to the event. Each participant will earn an extra two hours of overtime pay per day.

Interested volunteers should submit a written request to their supervisor by April 11, 2003. After review by the employee's Bureau Commander, the requests will be forwarded to the COP Coordination Unit.

Officers with knowledge of youths, ages 10-12, interested in participating, should inform them to contact NCCJ at 381-4660 for registration forms.

Additional questions may be directed to Lieutenant Larry J. Powell, COP Coordinator, at line 352-2972.

5. THE YOUNG MARINES OF CINCINNATI

The Young Marines of Cincinnati is looking for male and female police officers to volunteer as Drill Instructors in their organization. The Young Marines allow anyone with a military background to become members of their staff but require their Drill Instructors be Marines. Their group is made up of youth ages eight to eighteen. The mission of the Young Marines is to provide quality youth development programs that allow their members to become responsible, healthy and drug free citizens. The Young Marines is not a recruitment service for any branch of the military and do not teach the art of war. Interested officers may contact John W. Rose, Commanding Officer of the Young Marines of Cincinnati, at 351-7673.

6. NEW RECRUIT PHYSICAL FITNESS STANDARD

The Human Resources Department, along with the Police Academy, is developing a new physical ability test for Cincinnati Police Recruits. The components of the new test, effective with this year's selection process, will be push-ups, sit-ups, and a one-half mile run.

A representative sample of sworn personnel is needed to validate the test. Volunteers of all ranks and ages are needed to establish a test cut-off point. Volunteers will be asked to complete the test battery of sit-ups, push-ups, and a one-half mile run. Testing will be done at the Police Academy April 1-4 and April 7-11 at 0800 and 1500 each day.

Volunteers may respond on-duty with a supervisor's permission. All districts/sections/units are encouraged to participate. Volunteers must call the Police Academy at 352-3562 for scheduling. The testing process will take no longer than 30 minutes. Questions may be directed to Sergeant Tom Waller at 352-2971.

7. THANK YOU LETTERS

[Attached](#) to these Staff Notes are several thank you letters written to the Police Chief for the professionalism displayed by numerous officers in our Department.

COMMENDATIONS FOR THE WEEK OF 3/23/03-3/29/03

SPECIAL SERVICES SECTION

POLICE SPECIALIST CHARLES BEEBE

POLICE OFFICER PAUL GREIN

On November 11, 2002, Police Specialist Charles Beebe and Police Officer Paul Grein were assigned to investigate an auto accident at 6406 Madison Road where a pedestrian was struck and seriously injured. Mr. James Dixon was struck by a vehicle, which fled the scene. Mr. Dixon later died from his injuries. Specialist Beebe and Officer Grein conducted a thorough crime scene analysis and were able to gather incriminating evidence against the driver of the vehicle. Their dedication to duty, investigative abilities, interviewing techniques and knowledge of accident scene reconstruction enabled them to obtain a confession from the vehicle driver and bring this case to a successful conclusion. Mr. Dixon's family is very grateful for the investigation conducted by these officers.

March 10, 2003

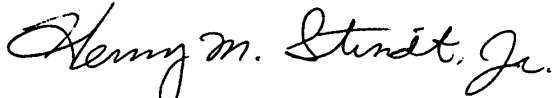
Col. Thomas H. Streicher, Jr., Police Chief
Capt. James Whalen, District One Commander
310 Ezzard Charles Drive
Cincinnati, OH 45214

RE: SGT. SAUNDERS, SUPERVISOR, DISTRICT ONE

Dear Sirs:

I would like to take this opportunity to mention what a fine, outstanding police officer I spoke with on the phone today. Sgt. Saunders answered my call to District One. He listened politely while I stated the reason of my call and answered my questions intelligently. I had encountered another police officer on Saturday night in Mt. Adams while working and driving a limousine. This officer was the reason for my call. After stating all the facts, etc., I also mentioned how difficult it is for all limo drivers in the downtown Cincinnati area to find parking spaces and how we are generally treated by police officers. It is for these reasons that I, as a limo driver, will often refer my customers to Newport-On-The-Levee instead of downtown Cincinnati. Sgt. Saunders took his time, seemed genuinely interested in my concerns, and promised to follow up on a portion of our conversation. I truly appreciated his time and overall willingness to help.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Henry M. Stindt, Jr.".

Henry M. Stindt, Jr.

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March 10, 2003

**Police Chief Streicher
310 Ezzard Charles Drive
Cincinnati, Ohio 45214**

Regarding Police Specialist Clifton Mitchell

Dear Chief Streicher:

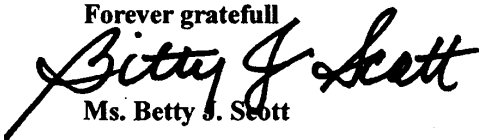
I am writing this letter regarding one of your fine officers by the name of Clifton Mitchell, Badge No. PS 076.

On Saturday, February 15, 2003 I was on a street called Fischer and Meyer when my vehicle slid on ice and went out of control causing me to land into a ditch where I was unable to get out on my own. I was very nervous and shaken up by the sudden lost of control of my vehicle. Suddenly Officer Clifton Mitchell appeared to aide me, (which I was unaware that he was an Officer at that time). Officer Mitchell was a God sent Angel that really put me at ease and took care of the vehicle until the AAA arrived to pull me completely out of the ditch. Once AAA arrive Officer Mitchell continued to assist AAA in making sure my vehicle was properly taken care of.

Officer Mitchell is a fine human being and I know a great officer because of the care and concern he showed towards me. Officer Mitchell never asked my name but was just willing to help a person in need. Please let Officer Mitchell know that the lady with the Silver/Gray Toyota Corolla thanks him and God for sending him my way. Officer Mitchell has been a blessing to me and pray that God bless him in all that he desires to do.

I feel he is a great access to the Police Department because of his humanitarian service.

Forever gratefull


Ms. Betty J. Scott

Antoinette Dillard
University of Cincinnati Student

March 1, 2003

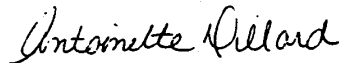
District One
Chiefs Office
310 Ezzard Charles Drive
Cincinnati, Ohio 45214

To Whom It May Concern:

On Saturday, February 22, 2003, I had the opportunity to ride along with Sgt. C. Johnson with the District Four Cincinnati Police Department during his shift. It was a very eventful evening, and I was quite impressed with the good judgment and restraint that he demonstrated in what seemed like to me, an ordinary citizen, some very challenging situations. It was also very reassuring to see how very professional and expeditiously he responded to the various incidents. Behavior like I observed this evening encourages my continual confidence in the police department.

Furthermore, I appreciate being allowed the opportunity to encounter first hand the everyday occurrences of our Cincinnati police officers. I learned a great deal and respect even more the service that they provide to our community each day. Please extend my gratitude to Sgt. Johnson, Sgt. Proffitt, and the other District Four's third shift officers who shared with me their time and expertise. Because of this experience I am genuinely contemplating becoming a police officer myself. Thank you very much and keep up the good work!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Antoinette Dillard".

Antoinette Dillard

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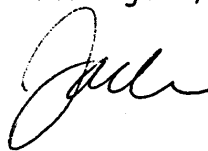
Chief Tom Streicher
Cincinnati Police Division
310 Ezzard Charles Drive
Cincinnati, Ohio 45214

Dear Chief Streicher:

I want to take this opportunity to commend one of your officers for the contribution he has made to the safety of many Cincinnati Bell employees. Officer Doug Neack, District One Neighborhood Squad, has provided safety training on three occasions during the past year to employees of Cincinnati Bell's public office and retail stores. In January 2003, Officer Neack participated in a three-day training symposium structured for our outside technicians. The training focused primarily on individual safety in a threatening situation but also educated our employees in how they can benefit law enforcement by making good witnesses after the threat has passed. The training was well received by all and requests have been received for additional or follow-up training.

The employees of Cincinnati Bell are grateful for the community policing provided by your officers. We look forward to a continued cooperative relationship with your department.

Best regards,



cc: Scott Dombart

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March 10, 2003

Colonel Thomas H. Streicher, Jr.
Police Chief
Cincinnati Police Division
310 Ezzard Charles Drive
Cincinnati, OH 45214-2805

Dear Colonel Streicher:

I want to bring to your attention the extraordinary response of both Captain James Whalen and Detective Bruce Scholl in solving a serious theft problem for my company and me. Total time elapsed from when I first spoke with Captain Whalen a (which was an extraordinary response time in its own way) until the matter was resolved was 3 days. Detective Scholl was very effective and professional in his conduct and the results bear that out.

Too many times, people fail to recognize how many things your department does well and right. I hope more people can focus on the bigger picture, and understand how difficult it is to do your job right, and that the majority of the time, you do.

My thanks again to Detective Scholl, and Captain Whalen for helping us resolve a difficult issue quickly. If I can ever be of help to you or the department, I hope you won't hesitate to call.

Sincerely,
STK Industries Inc.

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Gary S. Fisher
President



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March 7, 2003

Thomas H. Streicher, Jr., Chief
Cincinnati Police
District One Headquarters
310 Ezzard Charles Drive
Cincinnati, OH 45214

Dear Chief Streicher:

On behalf of Ronald McDonald House's board of trustees and guest families, I want to thank you for your strong commitment to make Avondale a safer community. Your police force has worked diligently under your direction and that of retired District Four **Capt. David Ratliff** and current **Capt. Richard Schmalz** to curb crime on Burnet Ave. and throughout the city, and for that we are most grateful.

I am also writing today to commend several of your police officers for their work in the Avondale community. I am sure you have followed the Uncle Milt's case and the criminal activity stemming from within and around the bar. **Specialist Len LaBrecque** has worked diligently for years to document this bar's liquor violations and request that its license be revoked. Specialist LaBrecque has been instrumental in following, documenting and assisting in the prosecution of the criminal activity surrounding Uncle Milt's. He is a dedicated, hard-working policeman and a true asset to the Cincinnati Police force.

I also wish to commend **Officer Jeff Smallwood**, **Officer Jeremy Howard** and **Officer John Mendoza** for their excellent police work with the Uncle Milt's situation and the District Four Violent Crimes Squad. These officers have gone above and beyond the call of duty in their jobs, working with the community to make our streets safer. Joining them in these efforts were **Sgt. Rick Lehman** and **Officer Don Meece**, also excellent policemen who have made a tangible difference in our community.

In addition to Specialist LaBrecque and Officer Smallwood, three other officers recently made the trip to Columbus to testify about Uncle Milt's before the Ohio Liquor Control Commission. **Sgt. James Givens**, **Officer Lynette Pleasant** and **Lt. Mike Neville** are to be commended for helping see this matter through lengthy legal channels to assure the safety of the

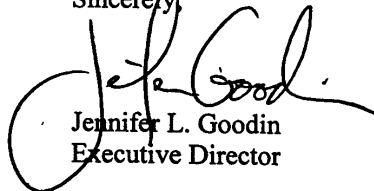
community. As you know, the commissioners voted unanimously to revoke the bar's license, thanks to your officers' excellent work addressing the problem and to their testimonies at three different hearings throughout this process.

Other officers from the District Four Violent Crimes Squad, the Central Vice Control Unit, the Street Corner Unit and District One who participated in this process and truly made a difference in our neighborhood include **Officer Don Konicki, Sgt. Dominic Gulliford, Officer Rob Shircliff, Officer Bob Nelson, Officer Elisha Orth, Officer Ryan House, Officer Chauncey Prude, Sgt. Dan Nickum, Sgt. Christine Briede and Officer Andrea Smythe.** We are thankful to each of them for the role they played in our community's safety concerns.

The diligent and concerted efforts of all the above-mentioned officers on Burnet Ave. have produced immediate, concrete results in Avondale. It is an honor to know and to have worked with these men and women as they risk their lives to make our city a better place, one neighborhood at a time.

Thank you again for your time and efforts. They are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



Jennifer L. Goodin
Executive Director